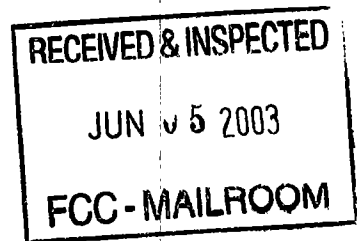


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May 21, 2003

The Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street southwest  
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Re: Limits on media ownership

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Ladies/Gentlemen: JUN 11 2003

Distribution Center

We write in opposition to the proposed change in your rules which will ease limits on media ownership. If anything, those rules should be more restrictive, not less. Concentrating media ownership in fewer companies is not good for the nation. We need diverse news sources and different points of view.

Very truly yours,

  
Donald A. Schneider

  
Diana W. Schneider

xc: Senator John McCain ✓

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Don't take us back to  
Germany 1932 -

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I am a concerned citizen from Cape May, New Jersey.

I do not want this country to be in danger of losing control over the reporting of news. I believe that if you allow deregulation of the media you will be obstructing our rights as citizen to hear both sides in the reporting of news. Already, there are stations who do not report the truth but rather report only what they want the people to know. They are biased and often times represent the thoughts of the conservative right. People of this country need to know both sides of any issue so that they can make their own decisions.

Under deregulation a large corporation can buy out many Newspapers, TV Stations, Radio Stations, Publishing Houses and Internet Providers. This means that the news can be controlled, contrived, manipulated - skewed one way to sway public opinion.

Is it the intent of the FCC to make it impossible for people to have the right to disagree or dissent on issues? As an American I want to hear the truth, I do not want fabrication and lies. I do not want a staged rescue shown on TV as if it really took place in that manner when it did not.

Our news cannot be controlled by a certain few. This is a democracy and I do not want my news and information to be biased - based on the dictates of just a few mega news corporations.

Our news should be truthful, fair and reporting news should not be slanted to the views of the broadcasting station, the news media, or those reporting the news.

It is very important to me that this decision you are to make be based not on party lines but on what is fair and right for the American public. That is the democratic way and we are a democracy, are we not?

I urge you to consider this decision very carefully for the health and future of our nation.

Thank you.

Marie A. Lawrence

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### F.C.C. should preserve rules of media ownership

To the editor:

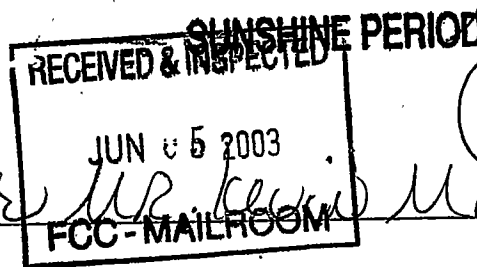
The F.C.C. will vote on June 2 to deregulate the communications industry. At stake is democracy. There are five major players in the industry: Fox, Viacom, Disney, Paramount and G.E. Only one newspaper of these five conglomerates editorialized against cross media alignment. This legislation will allow them to increase their holdings while crossing over into different mediums in the same market. This will place into fewer hands what we read, hear and see. This will endanger independence who keep localism, diversity and competition alive.

In 1996 the F.C.C. deregulated the radio industry. Today Clear Channel owns 1,200 radio stations.

We experienced deregulation of the accounting industry which led to the Enron debacle.

Regulations stop abuses and preserve democracy. There must be debate and transparency before this decision is made.

Ed Powick  
Cape May



May 16, 2003

Dear Mr. Lewis Martin

02-277

Please do not Relax the Broadcast  
Ownership Rules for Big Media Companies  
to take over. There are people in these  
media Companies who would eventually  
bring my freedom of hearing what I  
want to hear and making an informed  
decision to a halt. Why should we  
allow this in our Country? Why should  
we allow only their point of view to be  
heard and not mine in a Country that  
was founded on principles they do not  
want to adhere to. I <sup>Confirmed</sup> want my  
freedoms that I have <sup>JUN 11 2003</sup> enjoyed and are  
a blessing to be <sup>distribution Center</sup> stepped on. I'm sure  
they wouldn't want someone to step on  
their views. There always needs to be  
more than one point of view heard.

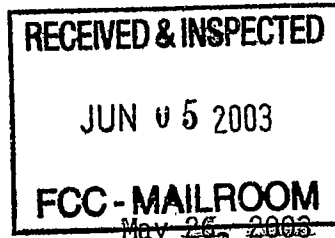
Sincerely

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Re: Rules on media ownership

Gentlemen & Lady:

It's been reported from various sources that the Commission intends to vote on June 2 to relax or eliminate entirely the Rules on Media Ownership. Since the people's business should not be conducted in secret I urge you to vote to publicize any proposed changes and allow a reasonable period for public comment, as most agencies do.

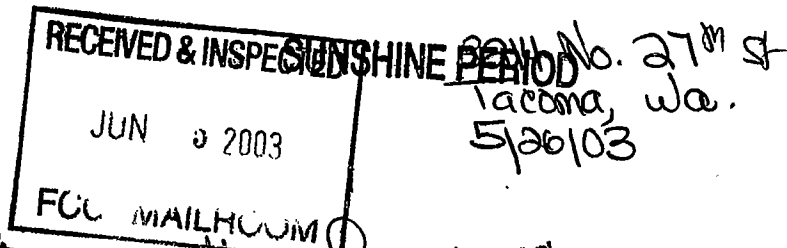
If these rules are relaxed - with the convergence of traditional media and telecommunications - it will be possible for one or a few companies to dominate the flow of information. The free/unfettered flow of information is the lifeblood of American democracy and freedom. A case in point is that none of the major networks have reported these impending changes; if the proposed changes cause greater overconcentration of media ownership than already exists the restriction of information flow will become greater.

A recently released analysis by the Consumer Federation of America shows that of the nation's 150 largest media markets 140 of them are already overconcentrated based on traditional antitrust standards. This situation is even more serious when the media is involved, because only a limited number of large media entities is possible in any one market due to the economics involved.

I hope that on June 2 the Commission makes a decision for the benefit of democracy and all the American people.

Sincerely yours,

Edwin H. Feinberg  
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Dear Commissioners:

Distribution Center

I am writing to urge that the media ownership rule not be changed.

Genuine freedom of the press relies on access for the public to numerous opinions from different viewpoints. Market forces should not prevail over the public interest.

Local newspaper & broadcast markets are already highly concentrated. More mergers will hurt competition and stifle diversity. Local newspapers and local TV stations should be key watchdogs monitoring each other, not entities espousing the same biases.

Cable structures will cut off local news. The fact that local news is lacking support is shown by the fact that some local stations continued to run pre-set programming during 9-11. This situation, in which the media gives no awareness to local stations, will increase under the proposed changes. Local news supports democracy by informing communities about issues vital to those communities.

There is already tremendous corporate pressure on national media.

I urge that existing cross-ownership rules be kept intact.

Sincerely,

Noel Hagens

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Hilary Bobker  
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Sirs/Madamames:

In our current world, we have become so polarized that only two extreme ideologies are generally heard. By allowing major consolidation of our TV stations, the path is opened to only one voice being left. I urge you to vote against allowing this to happen.

Thank you.

Hilary Bobker, 500 Brookfield Rd, PA 19026